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- ☐ The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
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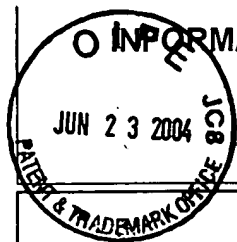
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	4,514,580	04/30/85	Bartlett			
	4,806,495	02/21/89	Levin et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	2002-261301*	09/13/02	Japan				
	2002-329876	11/15/02	Japan			Yes	
	2001-313399	11/09/01	Japan			Yes	
	2001-339085**	12/07/01	Japan				
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	*Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-261301 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,653,552
	**Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 2001-339085 and 2002-076387 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,620,996

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